

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT


Final draft of Magnet Changes - Briefing

10/23/2024



Carnegie Vanguard HS

Division	School Level	NES Status	Type of change
Central	HS	Non-NES	Change magnet

Summary of request	Supplement current entrance criteria to add requirement of an Academics matrix score of 80 or higher.
Context	The current entrance requirements for Carnegie Vanguard are that students must be identified as GT in Reading and Math by HISD and reside within the district. The proposed change would add that students must also score an 80 or higher on the Academics matrix (see next slide) in addition to current requirements.
Alignment to Board goals	Board Goal #3 – Students must receive required academic supports to be TSI ready. If students are not sufficiently prepared for the Carnegie Vanguard courseload and rigor, their resulting success could be at risk.
Rationale for change	Declining average GPA data indicates a need to revise the entrance requirements to ensure that admitted students are better prepared for the demands of the CVHS GT program. Students are admitted each year with GT identifications dating from Pre-K that may not be reflective of the student's current preparedness. For example, if a student tested GT in Pre-K but has then failed multiple classes or STAAR exams by eighth grade, the student may not have the prerequisite skills or content knowledge needed to appropriately access the above-grade level rigor curriculum of Carnegie Vanguard. To set students up for success, Carnegie leadership proposes adding an additional lens to the entrance criteria – students must test GT, reside in the district, AND have succeeded academically in prior years by demonstrating sufficient grades and STAAR scores to meet or exceed an Academics matrix score of 80.
Student impact	Expected to restrict entrance for very few students, given that this change would only disqualify about 5% of last year's applicants to Carnegie Vanguard in School Choice. No impact to current students.
Budget impact	Campus cost: None District cost: None
Leader statement Principal Ramon Moss	 <p><i>The proposed updates to the entrance requirements for Carnegie Vanguard High School aim to create a more equitable system that better identifies and supports gifted students. These changes will ensure that students are both academically prepared for the challenges of CVHS and receive the support they need throughout their academic journey.</i></p>

School Choice Academic Matrix

- For Carnegie Vanguard entrance, students must score 80 points or higher on either the blue or green options.

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School Choice Academic Matrix for 2025-2026
(*Highest Score from the two options will be applied)

Student Name: _____ ID # _____ DOB _____

Option 1: STAAR/Iowa and Academic Grades

Academic Grades (Average for 4 core classes only for 2023-2024)					
90 – 100 60 points	80 – 89 50 points	75 – 79 40 points	70 – 74 30 points	Below 70 0 points	Points
STAAR Scores (2023-2024 First Administration)					
Reading	Masters 20 points	Meets 15 points	Approaches 10 points	Did Not Meet 0 points	Points
Math	Masters 20 points	Meets 15 points	Approaches 10 points	Did Not Meet 0 points	Points
Total Points for STAAR					Total Points
Iowa/Logramos National Percentile Rank (2023-2024)					
Iowa/Logramos scores are used only for students who do not have STAAR scores					
Reading	80 or higher 20 points	60 – 79 15 points	40 – 59 10 points	Below 40 0 points	Points
Math	80 or higher 20 points	60 – 79 15 points	40 – 59 10 points	Below 40 0 points	Points
Total Points for Iowa/Logramos					Total Points
Considerations					
LEP, 504, Special Education, or Low SES – 10 Points					Points
Total points for Matrix					
Sum of Academic Grades, STAAR Scores (or Iowa/Logramos), and Considerations					

Option 2: Academic Grades Only

Academic Grades (Average for 4 core classes only for 2023-2024)					
90 – 100 100 points	80 – 89 85 points	75 – 79 65 points	70 – 74 50 points	Below 70 30 points	Points
Considerations					
LEP, 504, Special Education, or low SES 10 points					Points
Total points for Matrix					
Sum of Academic Grades and Considerations					

Highest Score of the Two Options: _____
Points Needed to Qualify: _____ Status: (Qualified or Not Qualified)
Magnet Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____